

COUNTRY Eastern Germany

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TOPIC Schoenfeld Airfield

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1. Between 10 June and 4 September 1952, HANGARS 11 and 15 were usually empty. The commercial planes which had made intermediate landings at the field were parked on hardstand No 28. Military planes including 5 U-2s and up to 6 Li-2s were parked on hardstand No 35. The latter planes repeatedly practiced taking off and landing. It was conspicuous that some Li-2 planes usually took off between 4 and 4:30 a.m. and landed between noon and 3 p.m.

23 June. Fourteen Li-2s landed between 1:45 and 2 p.m. and again took off at 5:30 p.m.

Late June and early July. It was repeatedly observed that Li-2 planes practiced night flying in good weather. The runway lights were switched on. During the take-offs and landings, the planes had the searchlights on their wings turned on. At the take-offs, the aircraft were additionally lighted from the rear by a searchlight located on a radio truck next to the runway.

25X1 2 August. [] for the first time that the five Li-2 planes which
25X1 were parked on Hardstand No 35 had a white semi-circle, 20 m wide, around
their noses.

25X1 4 August. During the morning, two Li-2s [] on
25X1 their rudder assemblies made practice flights. It was raining.

30 August. Two Li-2s [] took off and landed at the field.

1 September. The plane [] again practiced flying. *

2. At 8:30 p.m. on 2 August, an air raid alert was sounded during a motion picture performance at the field. All the soldiers in the motion picture theater ran to their quarters. Shortly before the siren sounded, all the officers were notified to leave the theater and hurried to the five Li-2 planes parked on platform No 35. The aircraft were run up and taxied to the runway where they remained with running engines until the end of the alert. The soldiers

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with full field equipment fell in in two groups in front of Building No 58. One group of about 75 men wore red epaulets, while the other group of about 60 men wore blue epaulets. The group with red epaulets was repeatedly observed engaged in infantry training. **

3. The flight personnel of the military unit consisted exclusively of officers, all of whom wore the same type caps having an insignia representing the golden sun with small red stars was on the upper section and in the middle section a cockade with a red star on a blue field. The cockade and the edge of the visor were surrounded by a golden wreath of oak leaves. Sub-lieutenants, however, had a silvery sun and silver wreaths of oak leaves on their caps, as well as silvery insignia on their duffs. The insignia on the cuffs of the other officers were golden.

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* [] Comment. For sketch of hangers and hardstands, see Annex []
Commercial planes of Russian and satellite airlines land at Schoenefeld airfield. The field is additionally occupied by about 6 Li-2s and some IL-2s of a military air transport unit.

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** [] Comment. Building No 58 houses Soviet officers and dependents. The unit with red epaulets probably is a guard or loading detail []
[] is assigned.

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